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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Arnold Craven

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For: SCREW

Examiner: F. Saether

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004 (Paper No. 20040628), Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, claims 8 and 11-13 for continued examination, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that, given the circumstances of this case, where there is a reasonable number of total claims, and where the Examiner has already examined similar claims, it would not be a serious burden to examine all of the claims pending at this time. M.P.E.P. § 803 directs as follows (emphasis added): "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." This directive should be followed in this case.

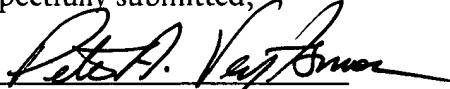
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Allowance of the application is solicited.

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